

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration of the present amendment and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 3-11 and 13-21 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1, 3-11 and 13-21 are allowed. By means of the present amendment, claim 22 has been amended to incorporate portions of allowed claim 19.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claim 22 be allowed. In addition, claims 23-24 should be allowable at least based on their dependence from independent claim 22 and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.


In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to

submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to Applicants' representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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